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Division of Medicaid & Children's Health, Region VI

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Our Reference: SPA LA 11-07

Mr. Don Gregory, State Medicaid Director
Department of Health and Hospitals
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Dear Mr. Gregory:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to your Medicaid State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 11-07. This state plan amendment clarifies the language in an existing disregard which eliminates the resource test for medically needy children, pregnant women, and parents/caretaker relatives. This SPA also eliminates the resource test for State subsidized adoption children, qualified children and pregnant women, and optional reasonable classifications of children.

In the future, when the State submits a State Plan Amendment (SPA) that may impact Indians or Indian health providers, CMS will look for evidence of the State's tribal consultation process for the SPA. Pursuant to section 1902(a)(73) of the Act added by section 5006(e) of the Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the State must submit evidence to CMS regarding the solicitation of advice prior to submission of the SPA. This consultation must include all federally recognized tribes, Indian Health Service and Urban Indian Organizations within the state.

Transmittal Number 11-07 is approved with an effective date of April 1, 2011 as requested. A copy of the HCFA-179, Transmittal No. 11-07 dated March 3, 2011 is enclosed along with the approved plan pages.

If you have any questions, please contact Ford Blunt III at (214) 767-6381.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures